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ENZYMATICALY MODIFIED SURFACE



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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97(b)(3)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

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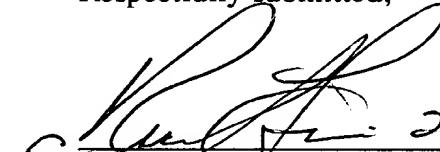
Documents B1 through B14 were cited in the International Search Report, a copy of which is attached. Copies of the documents are not being submitted herewith since they should have been provided directly to the U.S. PTO by WIPO.

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), before the mailing date of a first Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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